

PREVENTING LANE CHANGE CRASHES

RECOGNIZE THE HAZARDS

- Frequent lane changes
- Speeding
- Tailgating/Following too closely
- Distractions
- Windows and mirrors not clean and free of obstructions
- Poor visibility
- Lack of fender-mounted mirrors
- Traffic congestion
- Mirrors out of alignment

KNOW THE DEFENSE

- Maintain one lane as much as possible
- Signal lane changes well in advance
- Yield the right-of-way
- Maintain proper following distance to avoid erratic lane changes
- Avoid distractions
- Make quick glances to mirrors
- Use the “lean and look” method to check blind spots
- Be aware of state “move-over” laws
- Apply controlled braking at the first sign of vehicles slowing ahead
- Adjust and clean mirrors during each stop